National Transportation Safety Board NTSB ID: MIA02LA119A Aircraft Registration Number: N786DM FACTUAL REPORT Occurrence Date: 06/20/2002 Most Critical Injury: None AVIATION Occurrence Type: Accident Investigated By: NTSB Location/Time Nearest City/Place State Zip Code Local Time Time Zone PR 00765 1620 EST Isla De Viegues Distance From Landing Facility: 0.25 Direction From Airport: 270 Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip Aircraft Information Summary Aircraft Manufacturer Model/Series Type of Aircraft Cessna 208B Airplane

Sightseeing Flight: No Air Medical Transport Flight: No

## Narrative

Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:

On June 20, 2002, about 1620 eastern standard time, a Cessna 208B, N786DM, registered to and operated by Isla Nena Air Service Inc., had a midair collision with a Britten-Norman BN-2B-26, N663VL, registered to and operated by Vieques Air Link Inc., while on final approach to runway 9, at the Antonio Rivera Rodriguez Airport (VQS), Isla De Vieques, Puerto Rico. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time and company VFR flight plans were filed for the 14 CFR Part 135 on-demand air taxi flights. Both airplanes were substantially damaged. The commercial-rated pilots from both airplanes reported no injuries. Nine passengers on board N786DM, and five passengers onboard N663VL, reported no injuries. Both airplanes landed without further damage. The Cessna had departed from Culebra, Puerto Rico, at 1610. The Britten-Norman had departed from Fajardo, Puerto Rico, at 1600.

According to both pilots, they had reported their positions on the UNICOM frequency, and announced their intentions. The Cessna pilot said that he entered traffic on the downwind at 1,000 feet, on a 45 degree angle, and turned base to final. He said he made radio calls announcing his intentions on UNICOM, 12 miles northeast of the airport, and at 9 miles northeast of the airport. He heard "no reply," entered downwind at 1,000 feet, then turned base leg to final. After turning final he said he "still heard no reply," on the radio, and at about 500 feet he "felt a bump." He then called out on the radio, "what [the] hell is going on," and initiated a go around. According to the pilot of N786DM it was after the collision when "the other aircraft established communication. He called out short final. I looked down and saw the other aircraft. He replied talking to the helicopter." The pilot of N786DM said he called go-around to land runway 9, upwind to crosswind leg, and then the helicopter reported to him that his "wingtip was missing." He had one of his passengers verify that the landing gear were all right and landed on runway 9 without further incident.

The Britten-Norman (N663VL) pilot said he turned left from base leg to final approach, but did not mention anything about a downwind leg. He said he contacted VQS UNICOM on 123.00 about 9 miles northwest of the airport. According to the pilot of N663VL "nobody on the frequency responded except for [a] helicopter transitioning to Vieques." The helicopter pilot told him that he was at 500 feet heading to a resort landing site next to VQS airport. The pilot of N663VL told the helicopter pilot he had him in site, and reported his altitude as 1,000 feet. The pilot of N663VL said he was "3 miles northwest" when he transmitted his intentions again, and said that at that time "nobody answered at the UNICOM, and...I entered on left base." He did a third radio call and "nobody responded." He then turned onto final leg, he transmitted again, no one answered, and a "few" seconds after that a voice at the UNICOM in Spanish said "...traffic on final," and he replied "Vieques 663 final for runway 9 Vieques." Within 5 to 10 second the pilot of N663VL said he "felt the impact on my left wing...[and he] saw a Cessna Caravan (N786DM) on my left side." He said he "lost" control of the aircraft for a few seconds, regained control and landed without further incident. Both airplanes touched wing tips; the Cessna's damage was to the right wing and the Britten-Norman's damage was to the left wing.

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The reported weather at San Juan (SJU), Puerto Rico, 34 miles northwest of the crash site, at 1656 was: 2,700 few, visibility 10 sm, winds 070 at 14 knots with gusts to 19 knots, temperature 84 degrees F, dew point 73 degrees F, and the altimeter was 30.01 inches Hg.

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| Landing Facility/Approach Information  |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Airport Name   |                  |                            | Airpo                            | ort ID:        | Airport Eleva  | tion     | Run   | way Used              | way Used Runway Lengt |                |                        | h Runway Width      |          |
| l '  |                  |                            |                                  |                | QS 46 Ft. N  |          |       | -                     | 3400                  |                |                        | 75                  | ·        |
| Runway Surface Type: Asphalt   |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Runway Surface Condition: Dry  |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Type Instrument Approach: NONE   |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| VFR Approach/Landing: Full Stop  |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Aircraft Information   |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Aircraft Manufacturer Cessna   |                  |                            |                                  | Model/<br>208B | Series   |          |       |                       |                       | Serial<br>208B | Numbe<br>3-0922        |                     |          |
| Airworthiness Certificate(s): Normal   |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Landing Gear Type: Tricycle  |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Homebuilt Aircraft? No   | Number of Seats: | Certified Max Gross Wt. 87 |                                  |                |  |          | 878   | 5 LBS Number          |                       | er of Er       | er of Engines: 1       |                     |          |
| 9 71   |                  |                            |                                  |                | Engine Manufacturer: Model/Series: Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A |          |       |                       |                       |                | Rated Power:<br>675 HP |                     |          |
| - Aircraft Inspection Information  |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Type of Last Inspection  |                  |                            | Date of Last Inspection Time Sir |                |  |          |       | Since Last Inspection |                       |                |                        | Airframe Total Time |          |
| AAIP   |                  |                            | 06/01/2002 53.5 Hours            |                |  |          |       |                       | ours                  | rs 550.1 Hours |                        |                     |          |
| - Emergency Locator Transmitter (E   | LT) Information  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| ELT Installed? Yes ELT Operated? No ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site? No            |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Owner/Operator Information   |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Registered Aircraft Owner  |                  |                            | :                                | Street A       | ddress<br>HC 71 B  | ox 10    | )40   |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| ISLA NENA AIR SERVICE INC  | City Naranjito   |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       | Sta                   | te             | Zip Code<br>00719      |                     |          |
| Street Address   |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner   |                  |                            |                                  |                | Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner City                              |          |       |                       |                       |                | Sta                    | te                  | Zip Code |
| Operator Does Business As:  Operator Does Business As:  Operator Designator Code: IN9A |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| - Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held:  |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          | 1 -1  |                       | ,                     | 1110           | <i></i>                |                     |          |
| Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):  | On-demand Air    | Тахі                       |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Operating Certificate:   |                  |                            |                                  |                | Operator C   | Certific | cate: |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Regulation Flight Conducted Under:   | Part 135: Air Ta | axi & C                    | omm                              | uter           |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
| Type of Flight Operation Conducted:  |                  |                            |                                  |                |  |          |       |                       |                       |                |                        |                     |          |
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|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| First Pilot Information   |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Name  | City                      |                     |                           |                         | State     | е                              | Date of Birth | Age     |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| On File   | On File                   | е                   |                           |                         |           | On F                           | File          | On File | 26        |          |            |                 |                     |
| Sex: M Seat Occupied  | : Left                    | Pri                 | ncipal Profes             | sion: Civilia           | an Pilot  |                                |               |         | Cert      | tificate | Numb       | oer: On File    |                     |
| Certificate(s): Commercial  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Airplane Rating(s): Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land   |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA: None   |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Instrument Rating(s): Airplane  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Instructor Rating(s): None  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? No Current Biennial Flight Review? 01/03/2002 |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Medical Cert.: Class 1  | Medica                    | al Cert. Statu      | s: Valid Med              | dicalw/ wa              | aivers/li | m.                             |               | D       | ate of La | st Me    | dical E    | xam: 03/09/20   | 002                 |
|   |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| - Flight Time Matrix  | All A/C                   | This Make and Model | Airplane<br>Single Engine | Airplane<br>Mult-Engine | Nigh      | ht Instrument Actual Simulated |               |         |           | R        | Rotorcraft | Glider          | Lighter<br>Than Air |
| Total Time  | 3158                      |                     | 454                       |                         |           | 14                             |               |         | 12        | 2        |            |                 |                     |
| Pilot In Command(PIC)   | 2336                      |                     | 454                       |                         |           |                                |               |         |           | $\perp$  |            |                 |                     |
| Instructor  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           | $\perp$  |            |                 |                     |
| Last 90 Days  | 233                       |                     | 233                       |                         |           |                                |               |         |           | +        |            |                 |                     |
| Last 30 Days  | 61                        |                     | 61                        |                         |           |                                |               |         |           | +        |            |                 |                     |
| Last 24 Hours   | 6                         |                     | 6                         |                         | 1         | Toylog                         | ology D       | orformo | d2 N.a    |          |            | noond Dilat? Na |                     |
| Seatbelt Used? Yes Shoulder Harness Used? Yes Toxicology Performed? No Second Pilot? No               |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Flight Plan/Itinerary   |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Type of Flight Plan Filed: Company VFR  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Departure Point  State Airport Identifier Departure Time Time Zone                                    |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Culebra PR  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               | TJCP    |           |          | 1610       |                 | EDT                 |
| Destination State Airport Identifier  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Same as Accident/Incident Location VQS  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Type of Clearance: VFR  |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Type of Airspace: Class   | E                         |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Weather Information   |                           |                     |                           |                         |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Source of Briefing:<br>No rec   | ord of briefi             | ng                  |                           | _                       |           |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
| Method of Briefing: Unkno   | wn                        |                     |                           |                         | _         |                                |               |         |           |          |            |                 |                     |
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| Weather                          | Information  |                 |              |      |            |              |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| WOF ID                           | Observation Time   | Time Zone       | WOF Elevati  | on   | WOF Di     | stance Fron  | n Accid | dent Site              |        | Direction Fron | Direction From Accident Site |  |  |
| KSJU                             | 1656   | EDT             | 46 Ft.       | MSL  |            |              |         | 34 NM                  |        |                | 310 Deg. Mag.                |  |  |
| Sky/Lowes                        | st Cloud Condition: Few  | /               |              |      | 2          | 2700 Ft. AG  | BL.     | Condition o            | f Ligh | t: Day         |                              |  |  |
| Lowest Ce                        | eiling: None   |                 | Ft.          | AGL  | Visibi     | lity:        | 10      | SM Altimeter: 30.01    |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Temperatu                        | ure: 29 °C   | Dew Point:      | 23 °C        | Wind | Direction: | 70           |         | Density Altitude: 1635 |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Wind Spee                        | Vind Speed: 14 Gusts: 19 Weather Condtions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions |                 |              |      |            |              |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Visibility (F                    | RVR): Ft   | . Visibility (R | RVV)         | SM   | Intensity  | of Precipita | ation:  |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Restrictions to Visibility: None |  |                 |              |      |            |              |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
|                                  |  |                 |              |      |            |              |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Type of Pr                       | ecipitation: None  |                 |              |      |            |              |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
|                                  |  |                 |              |      |            |              |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Accident                         | Information  |                 |              |      |            |              |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Aircraft Da                      | mage:  |                 | Aircraft Fir | e:   |            |              |         | Aircraft Exp           | losior | ı              |                              |  |  |
| Classificati                     | ion:   |                 |              |      |            |              |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| - Injury Su                      | mmary Matrix   | Fatal Se        | erious Mino  | or   | None       | TOTAL        |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| First Pi                         | ilot   |                 |              |      | 1          | 1            |         |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Second                           | d Pilot  |                 |              |      |            |              | ]       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Studer                           | nt Pilot   |                 |              |      |            |              | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Flight I                         | nstructor  |                 |              |      |            |              | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Check                            | Pilot  |                 |              |      |            |              | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Flight E                         | Engineer   |                 |              |      |            |              | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Cabin /                          | Attendants   |                 |              |      |            |              | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Other (                          | Crew   |                 |              |      |            |              | ]       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Passer                           | ngers  |                 |              |      | 9          | 9            | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| - TOTAL /                        | ABOARD -   |                 |              |      | 10         | 10           | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| Other (                          | Ground   |                 |              |      |            |              | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
| - GRANI                          | D TOTAL -  |                 |              |      | 10         | 10           | 1       |                        |        |                |                              |  |  |
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